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New York comes to Toronto with a Vanity Fair soiree and a new line of Manhattan duds



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or the first time in Toronto, *Vanity Fair* magazine held one of their fabulous supper-style salons, in the same spirit of their inaugural fete 100 years ago. The conversation was fierce and the crowd was eclectic. And in that spirit, the magazine's publisher, the dashing **Edward** Menicheschi and wife, Fleur du Mal darling Jennifer Zuccarini, along with Gucci, hosted quite the brouhaha at Toronto hot-spot Gusto 101. The restaurant's primadonna Janet Zuccarini (yes, the sister of Jennifer) played the role of host, making sure that everything was done to perfection. It was an intimate group that came together including progressive thinkers, captains of industry, scenesters and a couple of gals who were pure eye candy. A phenomenal meal was served, fine wine consumed and the chatter carried on and on into the wee hours of the morning. I would argue this was one of *the* best invites of the spring season, and the Gucci swag wasn't bad either! Molto bene!

Calling all Gossip Girl aficionados! For years you've wanted to look like one, and now we all have the chance! There was a mad crush of pretty young things at the Arcadian Loft in Toronto for the launch of 424 Fifth, inspired by Lord & Taylor's rich American sportswear heritage and named after the retailer's Manhattan address. For months, fashion blogging types have whispered about this whimsical take on Upper East side chic making its entree into Canada. The excitement was evident as dozens of party guests had clearly made a trip to Hudson's Bay to pick up some key pieces as they whirled and twirled about, showing off their new statement pieces.

"I bought this skirt in every single colour!" exclaimed one excited guest. "And I have another three bags waiting for me at coat check!"

The Spring 2014 collection ranges from basic accessories to essential items – including pieces that are suitable for day-to-evening, and statement fashion items, which range from \$29-\$300. The collection will be available in store at all Hudson's Bay stores across Canada as well as Lord & Taylor stores stateside. Watch out for the bold, black-andwhite pieces – minimalist chic and bold architectural elements, at incredible prices!

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424 Fifth at left and bottom, Vanity Fair at right

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